Richmond Dispatch.

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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19, 1877.

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY .- For the South Atlantic States, northeast to southeast winds. rising followed by falling barometer, cloudy or partly cloudy weather, and slight change in temperature, except cooler at northern

stations. For the Gulf States, stationary or falling barometer, slightly warmer south and east winds, partly cloudy weather, and in the West Gulf States continued rains.

For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, warmer southerly winds, cloudy weather and possibly light rains, falling barometer and

sigher temperature.

M., 50; midnight, 38.

For the Middle Atlantic States, northeast to southeast winds, cooler followed by warmer, partly cloudy weather, and falling barometer.

For New England, northerly winds shifting to southwest, warmer, partly cloudy weather, and stationary followed by falling barometer.

Cautionary signals continue at Cape Hatteras, Kitty Hawk, and are ordered for Charleston, Smithville, Wilmington, and Cape Lookout.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear and cooler. At night it was cloudy and threatening snow.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 42; 9 A. M., 49; noon, 52; 3 P. M., 53; 6 P.

Christmas Goods.

Christmas goes on with cheerfulness, and everybody looks ahead with full expectations of getting a just share. The tradesmen have made liberal preparation, and the means of keeping the day loyally and bountifully are ample.

We give below further notices of the Christmas stocks for the instruction of our

Pizzini, No. 807 Broad street.-Here is the very source of sweetness and fruitful delights. The headquarters of toys and temptations. Pizzini is by lineage the royal arch grand master in the temple of candied splendors and fruitified joys. All childrenkind, all maiden-kind, know this. As ingenious and cunning as have been dulcet fabdeations from Paris and from the northern ities. Pizzini is prepared to surprise his friends with the still greater improvements that have taken place in his art. We see that he has these very things. His extensive advertisement spreads before the lovers of good things, great and small, the richest collection they have probably ever seen. And now, little ones, we give you a bit of choice poetry from the early poets:

" Intra mintra, cutra, corn. Apple seed and apple thorn; Were brief Huber lock Sits and sings till 12 o'clock; The mouse run round, the clock runs down.

The little boy or girl who goes into Pizzini's and recites this poetry without showing his or her teeth or smiling shall have a pound of candy. If they do this they get the prize, and if they don't, why-One's all, two's all, zigzall zan,

Bob-tail guinea foot tittle-ball tau As you came you may go, my little man.

We commend those who fail to the kindness of Pizzini. Don't stand 'em behind the

door. A. SAES & Co., No. 1013, opposite the post-office .- A remarkably fine place for ice fits and excellent clothes. The fact is, saks is a success-eminently so. A general master of the clothing art, and yet he claims special excellence in some things. For intance, he commends his ulsters as a top above the market. We rather think he is a King of Ulster. Where a man is in the front cut and officiate at its organization. rank he may out-Herod himself if he pleases, ut it is not necessary. We'll go it blind on such a man-ulster or no ulster. There are overcoats and pants, and men's suits, and bildren's suits, and everything in the line of wearing apparel in "apple-pie order," and the one price cash, silver or gold. Saks is a bi-metallic currency man, as we re ourselves, and therefore he has a leanng towards us. Besides all the array of men's outward drapery he has the underwear of the finest and most comprehensive character, and his shirts tit so nice that one would regard a man fitted with one as having been born with it on bim. He PART OF FIREMEN.-On Saturday inforwould seem precisely opposite to Tom Au- mation was lodged at Company F's engine-

gust, who said he was born without a shirt! house to the effect that a building near RANDOLPH & ENGLISH .- This house, the the corner of Twenty-ninth and Broad senior of which is a part of the history of streets was on fire. Without giving an Richmond, has gotten into a spacious and alarm, the hose-carriage and truck was sent splendid store, Nos. 1302 and 1304 Main around and the fire promptly put out, with street, occupying a part of the very ground a damage of about \$25. Of late it has been on which the senior, as a young bookseller, particularly noticeable that the members of began his life; and he is a veteran. Like a true annalist, he sets out with "almanacs, calendars, and diaries." He has an eagerness for such literature, and if there is any-them, that it devolves upom them to disthing of the kind on hand there is our friend to pounce upon it. But almanacs with more promptness; and such interest and calendars are not all the nicknacks of trade in the store of Randolph & English. They have fancy editions of finest classic

works, and fancy goods, children's books, fires has been only about \$10,000.

and et cetera, and so on, and so on. WEST, JOHNSTON & Co., No. 911 Main street .- How the deuce is it that we have got the booksellers crowded together? This was written yesterday. Woodhouse was in the group then. So imagine still in it, and understand us better.] Well, they were all burned in 1865, and, since Penn., held on the 6th instant, R. A. Brock they were martyrs together, they ought was elected an honorary vice-president of to be retained upon the line of the work, to be happy together, pursuing lives of the Society for the State of Virginia. prosperity. West, seace, and, we trust, ohnston & Co. are as lively and as festive as the rest of them, and have brought out their most tempting holiday goods for the public admiration. Their catalogues must e extensive. We are sure they are, and t people who are hunting for choice and ville. legantly-bound books, and pictures, and cames, and fancy boxes, and bijouterie, give them a call. "Go West" & Johnston,

oung man. DENNIS, J. W., corner of Ninth and Broad .- That name Dennis. We think we ave heard of that name. As well as we remember, it is Irish, and has a smack of geliality about it. But Dennis at the corner we suspect is not an Irishman, though he night. The remembrance of Neilson's acthas the good points of the Dennises. He has on hand some very appropriate things for the season, and he's the boy that knows how to explain them. Go to him for your chromos, your engravings, your mottoes and frames—aye, and your New-Year cards.

Go early and avoid the crowd. GEORGE GIBSON, Jr., 1207 Main streethina and Glass .- Here is a store for selecting Christmas presents where good people can get fancy and useful articles of great eauty and utility. In china- and glass- and ther wares there have been wonderful advancements since our day. It is to us a pleasure to criticise the works of these imes and compare them with the very simthe Royal Wooster, Majolica, Parian, Dunmore, and lava-ware; tea-sets, fruit-plates, cups and saucers and mugs of French china,

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tion and is a study.

bread without flour.

regiment:

the anniversary in Old Virginia.

Virginia Regiment:

LOCAL MATTERS.

HEADQUARTERS HARRISONBURG GUARDS, ?

- HARRISONBURG, VA., Dec. 17, 1877.

vitation was conveyed to us through Mr.

Vanderford, editor of the Old Common-

wealth. Being placed before the company,

it was accepted, and a vote of thanks was

offered to Colonel Johnson and the First

Virginia regiment, of which fact please in-

form them. We take great pleasure and

you of our hearty appreciation of it, I re-

Arrangements have been made to quarter

the Exchange and Ballard House, as the

The field and staff officers of the regi-

ment. Major Carter and Adjutant McCarthy

FICIATES-A SUMPTUOUS BANQUET .- One of

the most interesting meetings held for a

long time by the Odd-Fellows of this sec-

tion came off last night at the hall of Friend-

with members of the order, including

thirty past-grands, Grand-Representative

Fitzhugh, Past-Grand-Masters A. R. Court-

ney, of Richmond; Dr. Robinson, of Nor-

folk; and Thomas J. Evans, of Richmond.

degree of Rebekab, Past-Grand-Sire Stew-

art, of Washington, delivering the charge

to them. After speeches from Messrs.

Stewart, Fitzhugh, Evans, Courtney, Rob-

been gotten up on a similar occasion. The

large party enjoyed themselves, and the sis-

ters agreed that if that was the way Odd-

Fellows lived they would not miss a meet-

ing. A lodge of the degree of Rebekah

will be instituted at an early day, and Past-

Grand-Sire Stewart has agreed to be pres-

are glad to know that the order of Odd-

Fellows is prospering in this and other

among the destitute and afflicted in these

FATAL ACCIDENT.-A colored train-hand

named John Crump, while employed in un-

coupling cars on the Chesapeake and Ohio

road near the wharf, was on yesterday after-

noon run over and frightfully mangled.

He was taken to the almshouse in the city

ambulance and died in three or four hours

A FIRE-COMMENDABLE CONDUCT ON THE

the Department have taken an individual

interest in putting out fires without giving

alarms. They seem to feel, each one of

charge their duty to the city in this way

and efforts are deserving of the highest

commendation. In this connection it may

be stated that so far the loss this year from

PERSONAL .- Hon. Anthony Eickhoff, of

Washington Sentinel, have been for several

At a stated meeting of the Numismatic

Among the visitors to the Tobacco Ex-

change yesterday were Robert Taylor,

Lynchburg; John B. Gordon, P. H. Win-

ston, Louisa; Selden Hobson, Goochland;

R. M. Page, Major George R. Dunn, R. E.

Cummings, Abingdon; E. M. Pace, Dan-

MORTUARY .- Whole number of deaths last

THE THEATRE-THE TWELFTH NIGHT-

was an exceptionally fine performance, and

comparisons of the two are continually and

involuntarily made, and generally with no

discredit to Miss Pomeroy, considering her

bam as the rollicking Sir Toby won decided

applause. Miss Story was a very fair Olivia.

She is a handsome and graceful lady and is

night as the mischievous Maria was as

sprightly as ever. Mr. Waverly as Malvo-

lio, Mr. Hamilton as Sir Andrew, Mr. Phil-

lips as Antonio, Mr. Taylor as Sebastian,

and Mr. Burton as the Fool, and the com-

week, 23. Cancer claimed 2 victims and

days in this city.

consumption 6.

times of want and depression.

and party on behalf of the military.

guests of the First regiment.

main, very sincerely, J. P. KERR, Secretary Harrisonburg Guards.

plated-ware. His stock bears close inspec-

JOHN M. HIGGINS, 1610 Franklin street .-

RICHMOND, VA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 19. 1877.

THE CANAL.

Christmas cheer. We guess it is. What else should it be? Irish whiskey, apple-An Official Estimate of the Damages by the Flood. brandy, and rum, not to speak of French

brandy, rye whiskey, and such wines as THE TOTAL AMOUNT ABOUT \$200,000-RE-Catawba, sherry, &c. Squire Higgins has splendid teas, coffee, sugars, &c. This con-PORT OF PRESIDENT JOHNSTON AS TO stitutes the "first intention" of Christmas, THE ACTION OF THE RICHMOND COUNwhile such things as flour and fine Virginia hams are the very corner-stone of a festive THE CANAL BETWEEN LYNCHBURG AND season. Indeed, you cannot make good BUCHANAN DISCUSSED-IMPORTANT MO-TION OF JUDGE MEREDITH-PRESIDENT The season continues encouraging, and JOHNSTON ORDERED TO RESTORE THE the anniversary is rising in the hearts of CANAL AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN the people, and we shall have the feelings RICHMOND AND LYNCHBURG.

and the kindness and charity due to the time, and which have never failed to mark ers of the James River and Kanawha Com-1,449 votes; the city of Lynchburg, by Messrs. Nowlin and Luckado, proxies, hav-ing 175 votes; individual stockholders by THE INAUGURATION OF GOVERNOR HOLLI-DAY-OUR MILITARY VISITORS .- The followproxy, having 390 votes; individual stocking letter has been received by the First holders in person, having 99 votes; the Graham, Nowlin, and McCance, proxies, Captain Jo. Lane Stern, Adjutant First having three fifths of the whole vote. Dear Sir,-Your kind and courteous in-

retary of the company attending as clerk. The President presented the following report . To the Stockholders of the James River and

Kanawha Company: Gentlemen,-Since your last meeting a befallen this company. Its property has pride in being an escort for our gallant and noble Valley Governor, and we will respond entire length. Careful estimates of the dammost heartily and gladly to the welcome of the good citizens of Richmond, whose hos- of the company, and, though necessarily pitality and courtesy is so well known and approximate, they are unquestionably suffiis so widely appreciated. Thanking you again for your kind invitation, and assuring determine upon the proper course now to be pursued

Between Richmond and Lynchburg the near Lynchburg, \$10,000; between Lynch- are not perfectly balanced—the male voices, | measurement, the recent freshet was higher this company at the American Hotel, and burg and the mouth of North river, \$96,-the Winchester and Staunton companies at 534; between mouth of North river and Buchanan. \$34,899; between mouth of soprani and contralti, and the basses From this it appears that the flood was North river and Lexington, \$7,083. Total were a little diffident in one or as much higher than that of 1870 above Total damages throughout the line, \$197,-

of the First battalion of artillery, Captain Binford of Company B, and Lieutenant Immediately after the freshet which caused this disaster your president repaired to singers all going at their work as if they river below. The wing-dams are built to Page of the Blues, will meet the Governor Lynchburg and arranged with that city for were interested in it, and not in the listless Lieutenant Bargamin, of Company B, will be in command of the Guard of Honor. the immediate repair, at the expense of the These repairs are now progressing satisfactorily, and the company will have to in which the chorus as a rule, and the had at that level before they were built, AN INTERESTING MEETING OF ODD-FELaccount to the city of Lynchburg for the ladies in particular, sing out, and not as lowing to the amount of material scoured LOWS-FIFTY LADIES TAKE THE DEGREE OF cost thereof. REBEKAH-PAST-GRAND-SIRE STEWART OF-

Proceeding to Richmond, induced by the earnest representations of prominent citizens that the city would give its aid to repair the damages at least as far as Lynchburg. he proceeded promptly and at Verdi's "Ernani"; the chorus in the "Inship Lodge, it being the regular meetingnight of that lodge. The hall was filled great expense to prosecute the work of repairs from Richmond up. This to which Mrs. Reinhardt supplied the solo subject of city aid was immediately presented to the City Council, and reso- ing Hero Comes," from Handel's "Joshua." lutions looking to an appropriation of They were all well done, but the "Ernani" first was opposite Drewry's island. This has \$25,000 were adopted almost unanimous- chorus was the best of all-so good, indeed, been removed. The second was on old Past-Grand-Master Courtney presided, and ly by the popular branch of the city gov- that it was redemanded by the audience. nearly fifty of the wives of Odd-Felderment. This action, together with the lows received the beautiful and impressive continued and earnest representations of playing several accompaniments, gave the lowest wing-dam, and a practicable channel playing several accompaniments, gave the prominent and influential citizens of Richmond, induced a continuation of the work of repair upon that portion of the canal and enthusiasm. nearest to Richmond, with the confident reinson, and others, the brethren and sisters repaired to the banquet-hall adjoining thereof. the lodge-room, where an elegant and

It is hardly necessary to say that the acsumptuous supper had been prepared tion of the Board of Aldermen within the by Brother Henry Cooke and lady, so last twenty-four hours (of which you are famous as caterers. The room was beaudoubtless advised) has dispelled this delutifully decorated with evergreens and mottoes, and all agreed that nothing better has sion.

The work, commenced and prosecuted with the utmost vigor, and which would have resulted, if continued as begun, in restoring navigation to Columbia by December 25th, to Scottsville early in January, and to Lynchburg before the 1st of March. could not have been justified except by the confident expectation held out by the people of Richmond and by the action of the Common Council before referred to. The States, and that it is doing great good expense already incurred by the company is much greater than its unaided resources warrant, and all hope of assistance heretofore relied upon being now ended, the policy to be pursued is respectfully presented to you for your consideration and

instruction. It is proper to add that I have not thought it necessary to call your attention more particularly to the action of the General Assembly of Virginia in reference to convict the reconstruction of its works, as the publie prints have given that information as

fully as I could. Submitted herewith are the reports of James M. Harris, engineer and superintendent; of C. E. Cosby, assistant superintendent; and William Jolliffe, principal assistant engineer, as to the damages. Also, a copy of the act of Assembly as to the use of convict labor on canal repairs, together with the contract for said labor and the rules and regulations for its employment. Respectfully, JOHN W. JOHNSTON,

President. Richmond, Va., December 18, 1877. Colonel William W. Gordon submitted

the following resolutions: Resolved, 1. That the recent disaster to this company is such as to preclude all expectation of restoring the canal west of Lynchburg, and the president of this company is New York, and Louis Sclade, editor of the | therefore instructed to devote all the means and resources which he has or may be able to command to the restoration of the property between Lynchburg and Richmond; and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia, such convict labor as he may be able to use, with the means available for that purpose, and the balance to be returned to the penitentiary

2. That the president of the company be instructed to apply for such amendments to the charter of the Buchanan and Clifton Forge Railway Company as shall authorize the extension of that railroad to Lynchburg, and from that point to Richmond, if such extension to Richmond shall be determined on by the stockholders in general meeting; but that no additional stock shall be authorized to be taken in said Buchanan and Clifton-Forge Railway Company ex-MISS POMEROY .- This lady grows in favor cept by the consent of the present stock-

with the Richmond public. Her Rosalind | holders. Judge Meredith moved to amend the secwas almost equalled by her Viola of last ond resolution by omitting the words in italies, as follows: "Lynchburg and from

ing is so fresh in the minds of the people that point to." On motion of Colonel Cabell, Resolved, That the resolutions, with the proposed amendment, be referred to a com-

opportunities and experience. Mr. Den- mittee of seven. The Chairman appointed the following gentlemen to compose said committee: Messrs. H. C. Cabell, John A. Meredith, destined to rise in the profession. Miss Isaac H. Carrington, James H. Dooley, Wil-

always equal to the part assigned, and last Dr. A. Graham. Major Johnston requested an expression of opinion as to the policy pursued and to be pursued by him as to repairs between Richmond and Lynchburg.

tolors are remarkably bright and truthful. curtain and greeted with the most cordial made in the meeting of directors, he asked best in the Doctor's portfolio. To-night will be presented Cymbeline and his daughter Imogen, a Shakspearian play which has not been put upon the Rich-determination when the extent of the damphor work. Majolica Parian During the Royal Wooster, Majolica Parian During to the damphor work when the extent of the damphor when the extent of t mond stage for very many years.

After this brief season of Shakspearian plays—on Friday night and Saturday afterpoon and night—we are to have Haverland the state and been verified but that the derivative of the dame of the church this afternoon and to-night.

By the children of Grace Episcopal church will be held in the lecture-room of the church afternoon in Christmas week. They will be assisted by a number of professiona's. cups and lava-ware; tea-sets, fruit-plates, and lava-ware; tea-sets, and lava-ware from lava-ware for the dam-plates during had been verified, but that the dam-plates during had been verified, but

and \$75,000 in money, navigation might be | THE JAMES-RIVER IMPROVEMENT. restored to Buchanan and Lexington within the two years allowed in the bill for convict labor, provided always the work of repairs was not interfered with by freshets in the mean time. He had hoped that if Richmond would furnish \$50,000 in money the other \$25,000 in money might be had from other communities interested.

On motion of Colonel Cabell, Resolved, That the president of this company is instructed to devote all the means and resources which he has or may be able to command to the restoration of the property between Lynchburg and Richmond. On motion of Dr. Graham, the meeting adjourned until Tuesday, 18th January, at

11 o'clock A. M. The stockholders were in session from 12 to 3 o'clock. The whole question of canal An adjourned meeting of the stockhold- and railroad was quite fully discussed. with pleasure by all who are interested in Judge Meredith, in proposing his amendpany was held yesterday. Present: The ment, warned the stockholders of the dancity of Richmond, by Judge Meredith and ger that threatened Richmond, and pre-Messrs. Higgins and Straus, proxies, having sented to some extent the views given the Board of Aldermen on this subject.

The Festival of Music.

The first of the concerts of the musical festival now being held for the benefit of Rocketts was 25.3 feet; at Richmond bar, Commonwealth of Virginia, by Messrs. the library and museum fund at Richmond 22.6 feet; at Warwick bar, 20.0 feet; at College took place last evening at Mozart Drewry's Bluff, 18.5 feet; at Kingsland's Mr. McCance resumed the chair, the sec- at the outset that no amateur concert cut-off, 14.5 feet; at lower end Dutch Gap ever given in Richmond of late years cut-off, 12.4 feet; at Varina wharf, 10.6 has excelled it either in point of rich- feet; at City Point, 2.2 feet; at Westover ness and variety in the programme or wharf, 1.8 feet. in the admirable manner in which the selections, especially those allotted to the flood of 1870 at Rocketts. I am imformed chorus, were executed. As to the chorus verbally by the City Engineer that this The voices are, among the ladies especially, city.

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The following note from Mr. R. E. Blankdisaster of almost unprecedented extent has itself, it was a thoroughly pleasant surprise. agrees with observations taken above the been damaged upon almost every mile of its fresh and pure, and though this was the first concert in which it has sung enship gives the increased rise at Belle Isle: its work was done with a firm-

> and in particular the tenors, are hardly soprani and contralti, and the basses The chorus contributed four numbers, increase in the height of the flood. "Light O'er Sparkling Ocean Breaking," by Bellini; "O! Hail Us Ye Free," from EFFECT OF THE PLOOD ON THE RIVER IMPROVEflammatus" from Rossini's "Stabat Mater," most excellently, and "See, the Conquerovertures to Rossini's "Turco in Algerio"

The first of the pieces supplied by the liance upon city aid for the payment of ex- soloists was a duct from "Il Trovatore," penses incurred and for the completion by Mrs. Reinhardt and Mr. Redford. It morrow, and will have about 600 feet to ceived.

The quartette from Martha, "Nancy guarda che occhi," by Miss Swain, Mrs. upper end of Richmond bar to a little below cored, to which the singers responded with | built, and no freshet since January last has another quartette from the same opera, materially changed the section of the bar. "This is Your Future Dwelling."

was rendered with the precision and deli- shoaled up to 102 feet at high tide, and cacy of artists by Miss Swain and Mrs. | Trent's reach, which is in the bend of the Knowles, and the selection being in addi- river now avoided by the Dutch Gap cut-off, tion a very pleasing one in itself, these la- was shoaled up to the same depth. Now dies were compelled to respond to a hearty Trent's reach, which had a depth of 13 feet encore.

Mr. Grant, in his solo, "Hearts of Oak," by Boyce (words by David Garrick), was as | 70 feet in width, with nearly 16 feet in the popular as usual and, being warmly ap- centre of the channel. At the lower end of dove, O fond dove," by Gatty.

ances was Miss Swain's incomparable song, feet. 'Carnival of Venice," variations de concert, by Benedict. In this pleasing and difficult piece this lady reached E flat in alt, sustaining this high note in a voice almost labor to be used by the canal company in phenomenal in purity and clearness. She

barrassment," by Abt. was not embraced in the printed programme 'Abendlied" (evening song), by Blumenthal, was a lovely production, and was rendered in a manner that would have done was, of course, "applauded to the echo," Health to King Charles," an old cavalier

To-night he sings "I Love my Love," by S. P. Warren, and there will be a complete change of programme from last evening, as will be seen in our advertising columns. We hope to-night there will be a very large crowd, as the entertainment is cer-

tainly worthy of it in every respect. The audience last evening, though fair and appreciative, was not, in the opinion of the writer, by any means commensurate with the merits of the performance. Not only is the object for the benefit of which these concerts are given an excellent one, and deserving of the hearty support of the public, but the concerts are so thoroughly good in themselves that any one who fails to hear them will miss such a treat as is but pressed. that the plan of improvement will rarely offered to the citizens of Richmond.

REMEMBER THE ORPHANS .- St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, corner of Fourth and Marshall streets, will be open to visitors on Thursday and Friday, December 20th and 21st, 1877, from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M., and the friends of the poor little orphans are cordially invited to call upon them on those days and to contribute something to their support.

A pound of greceries or a donation of any kind will be most gratefully accepted. Persons at a distance are requested to send their contributions by express. A number of musicians, amateur and professional have kindly consented to furnish music to Weidman is a great favorite here. She is liam H. Haxall, Benjamin H. Nowlin, and enliven the occasion. The music will com-

DR. HENSON'S LECTURE FRIDAY NIGHT .-All who heard Rev. Dr. Henson's lecture on "The Golden Calf" in this city in 1874 will not need to be urged to hear him next Rogers; Secretary, C. E. Will; Librarian, proposed to ask the city of Richmond for Friday night on "The New and the Old" William T. White; Assistant Librarian, H. tation, and presented the play in a very \$50,000—one half toward the repairs be-Parian-, and other wares. Many of them pleasurable manner. The performance was tween Richmond and Lynchburg, and the last the ingentage of the lest the ingentage of the ingentage of the lest the ingentage of the ing bave transferred, by the ingenious process of the day, some excellent pictures, whose of the day, some excellent pictures, whose colors are remarkably bright and truthful. The performance was tween kichmond and Lynchburg, and the local pathos, and thrilling eloquence of the lecture new to be given is one of the very colors are remarkably bright and truthful.

> GRACE CHURCH FAIR .- A fair gotten up determination when the extent of the dam- by the children of Grace Episcopal church

Effect of the Recent Flood Upon the

INTERESTING STATEMENT FROM MR. H. D. were d harging about twelve hundred WHITCOMB. ENGINEER OF THE IMPROVE- gallons per minute, it soon became evident MENT-THE EXTREME HEIGHT OF THE that they were not gaining on the water in WATER ABOVE HIGH TIDE-THE PLAN the vessel, and there was apparently some OF THE IMPROVEMENT A SUCCESS, &c.

In reply to a request made to the Engineer of the James-River Improvement to furnish us with a statement of the effect of the late flood on the work under his charge, Mr. Whitcomb sends the following interesting communication, which will be read the work on the river: RICHMOND, December 18, 1877.

Editors Dispatch: The following information about the recent flood in James river may be of sufficient interest to your Richmond readers to induce you to publish it, and answers your inquiries:

The extreme height above high tide at Hall. It is not too much to say of it reach, 16.4 feet; at upper end Dutch Gap

It was 14 feet higher than the mark of the

"The great flood of 1870 rose to within of the company, and, though necessarily ness and precision which was most six inches of the top of one of the headunexpected in so new an organization, and gates, and at the office, 1,165 feet further ciently exact to enable you to consider and which would have done credit to a much down the river, it came within 121 inches larger and more pretentious body of sing- of the top of the floor. In the recent freshet ers. Colonel Tanner has, in short, gotten the water attained the height of 23 inches together an excellent chorus, and, what is above the top of the head-gates, and 64 damages are estimated to be \$49,240; at and more, he has it well in hand. The parts inches above the office-floor. By actual at one of the head-gates by 29 inches and at heavy enough to counterbalance the the office by 19 inches than that of 1870." damages west of Lynchburg, \$138.516. two passages, but there were merits Richmond as below Richmond. I mention which more than counterbalanced these this because I have heard that some persons shortcomings. There seemed to be, in the have thought that the increased rise at first place, an excellent esprit du corps, the Rocketts was due to the wing-dams in the very little above the level of high tide, and, way by far too common in singing socie- although they contract the width of the river city, of the local damages, estimated at \$10,- ties, rather as if it was not much of their up to that level, yet the area between them concern. Again, the bold, confident way is quite equal to the area the whole river though they were afraid of the sound of out from between them by freshets. I am their own voices, was singularly good. very sure the wing-dams caused no sensible

The effect of the flood on the part of the river under improvement was beneficial, but at three points there was shoaling enough to be injurious to navigation. The Warwick bar, about 2,000 feet below the already been dredged through it. The third by the State Central Conservative Commitand Herold's "Zampa" with much vigor shoal is in Kingsland's reach, about ten miles below the city. This has in some places but 132 feet on it at high tide. The dredges will begin work on it towas well rendered, and was warmly re cut to clear it out to 16 feet at high tide. I suppose it will take from seven to ten days to make a channel 100 feet wide. From the Knowles, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Redford, was its crest this flood had no marked effect. beautifully sung and enthusiastically en- The dams here were the first that were The channel is rounded out a little, but the The duet "Questo Duol," by Flotow, area is not increased. In 1870 this bar a few weeks since, has ten feet at high tide, while Richmond-bar crest has 152 feet for plauded, responded by singing "O fair Richmond bar-i. e., at the red can-buoythere are 120 feet width, with 17 feet water, But one of the gems of the solo perform- and in the deepest part the depth is 19.9

Down to this point the wing-dams were uninjured by the flood-they were well protected by hard material dredged from nearer the city. Below this several of the was rapturously applauded (in which the unfinished dams were more or less injured. professional veterans in the orchestra The cost to replace these is very small; but oined), and then sung for an encore "Em- we lost, what is of more value, the full effect due to them. Two at the head of Mr. Frank Potter, the favorite amateur | Randolph's flat gave way in part; and in tenor of New York society, having arrived the direct channel there are but 151 feet in the city just on the eve of the concert. water. In a circuitous channel there is a width of 100 feet, with 16 feet depth. Five circulated in the house, but nevertheless hundred feet below the direct channel is kindly consented to sing a solo, and thus 100 feet wide, with 16 feet depth. and a added much to the pleasure of the audience greatest depth of 19 feet, and from this to the and the success of the festival. His song, end of the shoal there are from 16 to 20 feet depth, with ample width of channel. Between this and the site of the military bridge at Warwick the dams were greatly credit to the best professional talent. He injured. These dams were covered with sand, and it was intended to cover this with and responded to the encore by singing "A rock dredged near the city. This was done only to a limited extent for want of money. song, which latter also brought down the The lower two, however, stood better. These were built to reduce a shoal having about 15 feet depth on it. We did some dredging there in November, partly to get material for the dams and partly to deepen the channel to 16 feet. There are now 25 feet depth of water, and the channel for 16 feet depth is 400 feet wide.

The flood had no effect on Rocketts reef, of course, unless it may have lodged ob structions there; and over the reef, which lies below all the city wharves, there are but about 14 feet of depth at mean high tide, as before the flood.

THE PLAN OF IMPROVEMENT A SUCCESS. The result of this flood only confirms me in the opinion, which I have often exbe a permanent success. The flood has taught us where the lines of contraction need revision, and the changes needed to secure 18 feet depth on the sand-bars are

inexpensive. Navigators will find the best water near the black buoys, on Warwick bar, and near the red buoys in the channel below the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad wharves. Elsewhere I know of no change in the channel worth attention. In this remark I refer to the river from the city to Warwick

bar, and not below that point. Very respectfully, your obedient servant, H. D. WHITCOMB.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At the regular meeting of the officers and teachers of Pine-Street Baptist Church Sunday school held Sunday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Henry L. Carter; Assistant Superintendent, James Calder; Treasurer, J. H.

matic Company will play at the Theatre on

attempt was made on yesterday morning at

low tide to pump out the sunken tug-boat

Arctic. Two of the city fire-engines-B

and C-together with two ponderous

pumps, were put to work, and although it

hole that the diver had failed to discover

and stop. This plan of raising the Arctic

was then abandoned. Captain Lefler left

for Norfolk yesterday afternoon to make an arrangement with the Baker Wrecking

Company to raise the tug. This was the

second effort the city steamers made to

ASSEMBLY BALL .- The event of the sea-

son in Richmond society, and perhaps the

greatest affair of the kind ever gotten up

here, will be the Assembly ball which is to

take place next Thursday night at Virginia

Opera-House. There will be 150 couples

or more of the élite of the city present, and

a sumptuous supper, including wine, will

MISTLETOE BOUGH .- This pretty little

pantomime, which is being rehearsed with

great diligence by lovely ladies and hand-

some young men, will be presented at Mo-

zart Hall about the 27th of this month,

The entertainment is to be given for the

benefit of the "Retreat for the Sick," and

A Boy By MAIL .- The southward-bound

mail-train, which arrived here at 11:15

'clock last night, brought down, among

POLICE COURT .- The Police Justice dis-

The following was cut from the Dispatch

A MISTAKE.

In relation to the resolution about Inde

pendents said to have been adopted by the

State Committee on motion of Mr. C. T.

Smith, Mr. Hinton declared that it was his

belief that no such resolution was passed by

the State Committee. He thought that there

was a mistake about it. There was such a

resolution introduced he knew, but it was

his impression that it passed in a modified

form, advising the Conservatives to vote for

he nominees. In questioning the adoption

of the resolution be did not wish to be un-

derstood as impeaching the secretary, John

John Bell Bigger, Esq., Secretary State Cen

Dear Sir,-At the suggestion of Judge

Lovell, chairman, and Senator Smith, as to

my impression that the resolution in regard

to Independents, offered by Mr. Smith at

the meeting of the State Central Conserva-

tive Committee in October last, did not pass,

cords and papers bearing on the subject,

and find that the resolution was adopted.

have to-day carefully examined the re-

Your record of that meeting is correctly

made, and my recollection of the matter

Respectfully, WILLIAM E. HINTON, JR. Richmond, December 18, 1877.

tee on Tuesday, October 23, 1877:

The following is the resolution agreed to

Resolved. That the party throughout the

State is earnestly called upon to support all

regular nominees-State, district, city, and

county-and that all Independent candi-

dates should be discountenanced in this

canvass and refused any recognition by the

party during the term of office for which

hey may be elected, and that all such per-

sons be remembered and treated as disor-

ganizers by the Conservative party until

they shall have proved by their acts a pur-

DOWN THEY GO.

The warm, unseasonable weather.

Prompts us in announcing an extraordinary sale

There will be no reserve.

We now offer our entire stock representing over

\$100,000.

at lower prices than have been asked in this city.

Men's overcoats at \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7.50, and upwards

Youths' overcoats at \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, and upwards;

Boys' overcoats at \$2.50, \$3, \$4. \$5, and upwards

Children's overcoats at \$1.50. \$2, \$2.50, \$3, and up-

Another reason why we are derermined to close

out the goods is we have rented of Franklin Stearns.

FOUR FLOORS

above our storeroom. The necessary alterations to

suit our purposes will, no doubt, cause many of our

goods to suffer from the dust and dirt which will ne-

cessarily arise. We are desirous of moving the

DO NOT ALLOW THIS CHANCE TO PASS.

marked them down to the bare cost of manufacture.

which cannot fail to suit the ideas of all inclined to

AS OUR GOODS ARE MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES

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FLOWERS FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS .- There

blooming- and folinge-plants is charming, and a walk

amongst them will drive off the worst case of melan-

There can be nothing better or more appropriate

for a holiday present than a pot of bright, blooming

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We are determined to sell the goods, and have

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Men's suits at \$8, \$9, \$10, \$11, and upwards:

wards.

Esq., the entire

pose to return to their party allegiance.

The lateness of the season,

tral Conservative Committee:

proves to be inaccurate.

f Tuesday, 18th December, 1877:

posed of a number of cases-none very im-

other mail-matter, a boy from Washington

will doubtless be well patronized.

portant-yesterday.

Bell Bigger.

raise the Arctic.

be given.

estim 'ed that the four streams together

One square, one insertion.
One square, two insertions.
One square, three insertions.
One square, six insertions
One square, twelve insertions
One square, twelve insertions
One square, two month.
One square, two months. THE TUG ARCTIC. - Another unsuccessful

Go to ANTONI'S for Bananas, Pears, Grapes.

THE DISPATCH TERMS OF ADVERTISING.

CASH-INVARIABLY IN ADVANCE.

FRUIT-CAKES, plain cakes, and all kinds of small

cakes at PIZZINI'S, suitable for Christmas, PHOTOGRAPHS AS HOLIDAY PRESENTS are the best and cheapest that can be given, and REES'S gallery is the best place to obtain them. His work 18 unsurpassed and equalled by very few. By the new process freckles and other defects are not visible. Four cards, \$1, or \$2.50 per dozen; large size, \$1 and upwards : porcelain and life-size at reduced prices; gem photographs (new), 50c. per

Go to ANTONI's, the confectioner, Main street below the post-office.

dozen. 821 and 823 Main street, near Eighth.

JUST TO HAND AT LAIRD'S Flower-Garden, a large assortment of Straw- and Willow-Baskets suitable for Christmas presents.

PIZZINI is selling French candles at 30 cents, 40 cents, 50 cents, 75 cents, and \$1 per pound.

D. COLUMBUS, 321 Broad street, has a beautiful assortment of Ornamental Cakes, which he is sell

PLAIN, POUND-, and FRUIT-CAKES at COLUM-

CAMELIAS at TOLER & HOOPER'S. VIOLETS at TOLER & HOOPER'S. TUBEROSES at TOLER & HOOPER'S. ROSEBUDS at TOLER & HOOPER'S. CARNATIONS at TOLER & HOOPER'S. and Choice Flowers of all other varieties at

TOLER & HOOPER'S. Call early and see for yourselves.

FLORIDA ORANGES, MALAGA GRAPES, and CALIFORNIA PEARS at COLUMBUS'S, 321 Broad

FRENCH CANDIES, Bon-Bons, Kisses, and every and of Candy, at Pizzini's. FIVE POUNDS of COLUMBUS'S premium mix-

ture, composed of forty-five different kinds of best flavored candy, for one dollar, at 321 Broad street. TOYS, DOLLS, and FANCY BOXES at COLUM-

Thirty cents a pound for Malaga Grapes at Piz-

FLOWERS! FLOWERS! FLOWERS!-Camelias, Violets, Tuberoses, Rosebuds, Carnations, Helio-

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Five pounds of Premium Mixture for one dollar

at COLUMBUS's confectionery, 321 Broad street. Now is the time to buy your Candley, Cakes, and good things at PIZZINI'S.

BOUGUETS and Baskets at TOLER & HOOPER'S. corner Cherry and Albemarle streets, next to Holly-

MALAGA GRAPES at PIZZINI'S only 30 cents a pound, and in larger lots at less rates.

PLAIN AND FANCY CAKES at COLUMBUS'S.

ALL YOUNG MEN who are undecided what to send for a Christmas present will do well to call on TOLER & HOOPER and get one of those handsome

GO TO PIZZINI'S to-day and buy your Candies, Cakes, &c.

WHITE MOUNTAIN, Blushing Pink, Spanish Bun, and Orange Cake, at BRIGGS'S. 707 Main and 611 Broad street.

CALL EARLY and leave your Christmas of for flowers at TOLER & HOOPER'S. DIRECT IMPORTATION .- W. D. BLAIR & CO have received another lot of that really fine TABLE SHERRY, which they offer at \$2.40 per gallon. The

ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE NO TIME to have their teeth attended to except during the Christmas holisible. Dr. C. A. MERCER, Dentist, 703 Main street, between Seventh and Eighth.

FIREWORKS at COLUMBUS'S, 321 Broad street.

styles of fancy straw and imported white wicker baskets, filled in the finest style, at TOLER & HOOPER'S, adjoining Hollywood Cemetery gate. EVERYTHING cheap and first class at COLUM-

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